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APPLICATION OF)
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BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERS)
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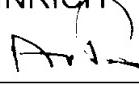
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the attached International Preliminary Examination Report as well as the English translation of same for the Examiner's consideration.

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